

B. L. K. cruising around the ice May 1854

Sunday May the 24th 1854

Sun 24 The fore & middle parts strong breeze from W to SW employed breaking out for shoals gamed with the ship barak Latter part light breeze from SW & some fog. saw one whale lowered the boats without success

Mon 25 The fore & middle parts light breeze & calm some fog cruising along the ice Latter part fresh breeze from NE spoke the barnstable & she picked up fifty bbls of oil that came from the barque vinton that was stove in the ice

Tues 26 A fresh breeze from NE to NW three boats went in & around the ice looking for whales saw nothing but also caught three middle & latter parts steering SE to SW two sails in sight

Wednes 27 A fresh breeze from NNW steering to the southward & the steward & crew the ice saw a fin back two sails in sight at 5 PM the forward hands refused duty the complaint was that they did not have meat enough using ten barrels a month & the capt told them that was all they should have. some preserved them bbls in the fore cabin & kept them there all night

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Wednesday May the 20th 1854

Wednes 20 Lane part light breeze from NE steering NW & thick foggy weather employed steering down at 5 PM got through some snow squalls middle & latter parts light airs & fine weather 13 sails in sight at 7 PM took a red whale along side & commenced cutting close to the main ice

Thurs 21 A light breeze NE cutting at whale at 4 PM got through & commenced boiling gamed with the ship india one whale Latter part fresh breeze and fine weather 12 sails in sight employed boiling & scraping bone

Fri 22 A fresh breeze from NE to NW on various tacks three sails in sight gamed with the barque vinton capt gardener employed boiling & scraping bone

Sat 23 A fresh breeze from NW on different tacks at 4 PM got through boiling gamed with the ship's barnstable & timor at 3 PM commenced steering down at 11 got through seven sails in sight